

FAITH   
COVENANT  

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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*February 9, 2020*

*“So the king did not listen to the people,  
for it was a turn of affairs brought about by God  
that the Lord might fulfill his word.”  
2 Chronicles 10:15*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Our worship is  
a response to  
God's initiative.  
The pattern of  
our worship  
reflects the  
gospel.*

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 Chronicles 16:28-33**

**Leader:** Attribute to the LORD, O clans of the peoples, attribute to the LORD glory and strength!

**All:** Attribute to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

**Leader:** Tremble before him, all the earth; yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

**All:** Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"

**Leader:** Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.

## \*OUR GREAT GOD

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown  
Your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown  
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne  
They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

*(Chorus)*

*Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!*

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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm  
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms  
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm  
Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee before our Sovereign God.

*(Chorus)*

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird  
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth  
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe  
Sing praises to the living God, who rules them by his word

*(Chorus x2)*

## \*PRAYER OF PRAISE

### **Call to Worship**

Worship begins with God who invites us and welcomes us into his presence. Because of Christ, we can approach God with boldness even though we are sinful and weak.

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**\*WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME**

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is  
The name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus

So great a love poured out upon us  
When Jesus You brought heaven down  
My sin was great Your love was greater  
What could separate us now

What a wonderful name it is, what a wonderful name it is  
The name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful name it is, nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus  
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You  
You silence the boast of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival, You have no equal  
Now and forever God You reign  
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is  
The name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against  
*What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus (3x)*

## COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Proverbs 7:1-3*

My son, keep my words and treasure up my commandments with you; keep my commandments and live; keep my teaching as the apple of your eye; bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart.

**All:** Merciful Father, cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from our proud thoughts and our vain desires. We often treat your word and your commandments far too lightly. We always want your promises but we hold back from walking in true and heartfelt obedience. We are quick to bind ourselves to lesser goods, and not treasure your teachings as the apple of our eye. Lord, we come to you confessing this as sin, confiding in your grace, and finding our refuge and strength through Jesus Christ your Son.

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 32:1-2*

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

### **Call to Confession**

We all sin daily, in thought and word and deed. As we come into God's presence, we acknowledge how we have rebelled against our King and seek his forgiveness.

\*IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL- Hymn #691

When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

*(Chorus)*

*It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control:  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

*(Chorus)*

My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

*(Chorus)*

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;  
even so, it is well with my soul.

*(Chorus)*

## OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

*Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.*

*Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church both services (downstairs in the Corner Classroom)*

### THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD - Hymn #111

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears  
All nature sings and around me rings, the music of the spheres  
This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees of skies and seas, His hand the wonders wrought

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise  
The morning light the lily white, declare their maker's praise  
This is my Father's world, He shines in all that's fair  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass, He speaks to me ev'rywhere

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet

*This is my Father's world, the battle is not done  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one*

### Offering

We give back to God a portion of what he has given us to use to declare that he is Lord of all. (This is part of our service as a church family, and visitors should not feel obligated to participate.)

*Sermon Series: The Throne of David—2 Chronicles*  
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.  
*A Fork in the Road — 2 Chronicles 10-12 (ESV)*

And Jeroboam and all Israel came and said to Rehoboam, <sup>4</sup> “Your father made our yoke heavy. Now therefore lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke on us, and we will serve you.” <sup>5</sup> He said to them, “Come to me again in three days.” ... <sup>6</sup> Then King Rehoboam took counsel with the old men, who had stood before Solomon his father while he was yet alive, saying, “How do you advise me to answer this people?” <sup>7</sup> And they said to him, “If you will be good to this people and please them and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever.” <sup>8</sup> But he abandoned the counsel that the old men gave him, and took counsel with the young men who had grown up with him and stood before him. <sup>9</sup> And he said to them, “What do you advise that we answer... <sup>10</sup> And the young men... said to him, ...thus shall you say to them, ‘My little finger is thicker than my father's thighs. <sup>11</sup> And now, whereas my father laid on you a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions.’”

<sup>12</sup> So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, ... <sup>13</sup> And the king answered them harshly; and forsaking the counsel of the old men, <sup>14</sup> King Rehoboam spoke to them according to the counsel of the young men... <sup>15</sup> So the king did not listen to the people, for it was a turn of affairs brought about by God that the Lord might fulfill his word, which he spoke by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

<sup>16</sup> And when all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, the people answered the king, “What portion have we in David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse. Each of you to your tents, O Israel! Look now to your own house, David.” So all Israel went to their tents.

### Sermon Outline

#### I. The Failure of Oppression



## Sermon Outline, *continued*

### II. The Failure of an Unteachable Heart

### III. The Hope of a Different Kind of King

#### **Sermon**

God addresses and speaks to us by the reading and preaching of his Word. Both Christians and non-Christians need to hear the good news of salvation and grow in it.

#### **Sermon Questions**

1. Why do you think the young advisors would counsel the new king this way? What does it mean the all human power is derivative?
2. How do we see the Lord working through human decisions in the splitting of the kingdom? Does this remove Rehoboam's culpability? Why or why not?
3. In 10:13-16, the faithful priests and Levites came to Judah because of Israel's idolatry. From a political standpoint, what advantage was there to making the golden calves? From a religious perspective, why was this the northern tribes' downfall?
4. What is significant about how the kings were buried?
5. Rehoboam's reign was one of mixed obedience, but his evaluation was in 12:14 is severe. What is the final criteria used for this judgment? In what ways does the reign of Rehoboam point us to the rule of Christ?

#### **Children's Question**

*How you treat those younger than you is often a good way to see a picture of your heart. Do I love and serve them or do I boss them around and make fun of them?*

*How does a heart that loves Jesus help us to love others?*

**The Lord's  
Supper**  
The gospel is  
not only heard,  
but visibly seen  
as God invites  
us to commune  
with him at his  
table. In the  
Lord's Supper  
we remember  
and experience  
Jesus' saving  
work.

**\*BY THY MERCY**

Jesus, Lord of life and glory, bend from heaven your gracious ear;  
While our waiting souls adore thee, friend of helpless sinners, hear:  
From the depth of nature's blindness, from the hardening power of sin,  
From all malice and unkindness, from the pride that lurks within,

*(Chorus)*

*By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord  
By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.*

When temptation sorely presses, in the day of Satan's power,  
In our times of deep distresses, in each dark and trying hour.  
When the world around is smiling, in the time of wealth and ease,  
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling, in the day of health and peace.

*(Chorus)*

In the weary hours of sickness, in the times of grief and pain,  
When we feel our mortal weakness, when all human help is vain.  
In the solemn hour of dying, in the awful judgment day,  
May our souls, on thee relying, find thee still our Rock and Stay.

*(Chorus 2x)*

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.  
(See FCC observance below)*

**PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION**

At Faith Covenant, the Lord's Supper is observed each Lord's Day as the climax of our worship service. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking the cup with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to our church that you are in covenant with God. You also acknowledge that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation. If you have any doubts about your participation, please speak to the pastor or one of the elders after the service. Wine and bread are the elements of the supper as instituted by Jesus Christ. We recommend the use of wine; however we offer both juice and wine in the tray to allow true liberty of conscience.

**\*HIS MERCY IS MORE**

*(Chorus)*

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more*

What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more  
*(Chorus)*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more  
*(Chorus)*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more  
*(Chorus 2x)*

**\*BENEDICTION**

*If you are in need of personal prayer, an elder is available up front after the service.*

**Benediction**

Just as worship begins with God's call, it ends with God sending us into the world with his word of grace. We go forth to live and serve by the power of his grace, not our own strength.

**Leaders & Staff**

**Senior Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D. — Associate Pastor John Sackett**

*Youth/Refuge Director: Rev. Ben Melli Music Director: Bekah Marsh*

*Staff: Kristin Bay, Hanni Hanson, Carlynn Stahlberg, Kelly Brown, Sara Motley (Nursery)*

*Elders: Tim Anderson, Grady Bennett (sabbatical), Tom Jentz, Trent Neumann, Don Olmsted,*

*Matt Riley, Micah Tinkham Deacons: Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Micah Hill, Ryan Petersen,*

*Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch, Phil Van Duyne*

To be added to church enews and prayer lists, please contact us at [office@faithcov.com](mailto:office@faithcov.com).  
For more about Faith Covenant and the Presbyterian Church in America, go to [faithcov.com](http://faithcov.com).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Braveheart Chaplain Ministry & KRMC Chaplains  
**MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Kevin & Sara Johnson in Sololá Guatemala teaching theology and creating Old Testament videos for Latin American children.

**VESPERS SERVICE:** Join us Sunday, Feb. 9, at 6:30 p.m. for Vespers, a brief evening service of silence and symbol, prayer and song. Come unplug from the constant distraction of modern life and recharge in reflective quiet. Childcare available.

**MOMS HELPING MOMS:** Come meet FCC moms of all ages for help and encouragement Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 10 a.m. at Cathy Hanson's home (231 Northland Dr., Kalispell). Childcare available. Contact Sharon Salyer with questions (212-1758).

**SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE:** Join us on non-Vespers Sundays for a simple evening service beginning February 16 at 6:30 p.m. Pastor John will be leading a series through Galatians.

**COLLEGE/CAREER BIBLE STUDY** will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 19 (at Sacketts') at 6:30 p.m. Come and enjoy dinner and study, and bring a friend! Contact Tim (270-4951) with questions.

**PARENTING IN THE PEW DATE NIGHT & WORKSHOP:** Friday, Feb. 28, @ 5:30-9 p.m. Here's how it will work: drop off your children at 5:30, we'll feed them, you enjoy dinner out. Be back by 7 for dessert and a workshop on guiding our children in worship. Sign up by Feb. 23 in the foyer. Cost is \$15 per couple which includes a book and food and fun for you and your kids.

**LADIES SAVE THE DATE:** Mark your calendars for our women's one-day retreat Saturday, March 14! Watch for registration and details coming soon!

**NEW DIRECTORY:** All regular attenders of Faith Covenant are invited to be in the church directory. Please fill out the form in the foyer to be included for the first time or to update any of your information, and email a family picture to [office@faithcov.com](mailto:office@faithcov.com).

**ENEWSLETTER:** If you would like to be added to the email list for our Friday enewsletter, or to prayer chain emails, contact the office at [office@faithcov.com](mailto:office@faithcov.com).

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** Many hands make light work ... and a few more hands would help contribute here at Faith Covenant. Please consider helping with the coffee hour, ushering, nursery, fellowship activities, or communion preparation, and sign up in the foyer. If you are already on a volunteer schedule, you don't need to sign up again.

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**SERVING:** February Deacon - Terry Falk

**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

**Today (1st service/2nd service)**

Ushers: John & Susie Sullivan/Anderson Family  
Children's Church: Trent Neumann/Micah Tinkham  
Early Nursery: J. Thompson  
Late Nursery: Turners  
Fellowship Hosts: Vicky Creamer & Debbie Corder  
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fenners/Staci Bennett

**Next Sunday February 16th**

Ushers: Mike & Carlynn Stahlberg/Anderson Family  
Children's Church: David & Annie Lillard/Micah Tinkham  
Early Nursery: Saldamando/Jentz  
Late Nursery: Russell  
Fellowship Hosts: Kelly Brown & Eileen Pierson  
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Gloria Johnson

**Worship Services**

Sundays 8:15 & 11 am

**Sunday School**

Sept.-May 10 am

**Music Practice**

Tuesdays 6 pm

**Elder/Deacon Meeting**

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

**Youth Groups**

Sept.-May Wed. 6 & 7:30 pm

**Vespers**

2nd Sundays 6:30 pm

**Elizabeth Women Group**

2nd & 4th Tuesdays